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SUBJECT: CHOU EN-LAI-TRUDEAU FOREIGN POLICY DISCUSSIONS

1. MINEXTAFF DIRECTOR FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS DANIEL
MOLGAT, WHO ACCOMPANIED PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU DURING
MEETINGS WITH CHOU EN-LAI, PROVIDED HIGHLIGHTS OF PRC
POSITIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY DURING OCTOBER 19 LUNCHEON
WITH USLO OFFICERS. MOLGAT, WHO ACCOMPANIED EXTAFFMIN
SHARP TO PEKING IN 1972, SAID HE FOUND CHOU IN HIGH
SPIRITS AND PHYSICALLY IN GOOD SHAPE. FOLLOWING WERE
PRINCIPAL POINTS OF INTEREST.

2. SINO-SOVIET. ALTHOUGH CHOU SPENT NEARLY A THIRD OF
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THE CONVERSATION DISPARAGING THE SOVIETS ON A VARIETY OF

COUNTS, MOLGAT FOUNDN OVERALL THAT CHOU SEEMED MORE RELAXED ABOUT MOSCOW AND ITS INTENTIONS THAN HE DID DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH SHARP IN 1972. FOR EXAMPLE, CHOU DID NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO RAISE EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DETENTE. WHEN TRUDEAU SPELLED OUT CANADIAN THINKING ON THESE SUBJECTS, CHOU ACKNOWLEDGED THE LOGIC OF HIS POSITION FROM THE CANADIAN POINT OF VIEW AND MERELY REPEATED STANDARD CHINESE WARNINGS ABOUT THE UNTRUSTWORTHY NATURE OF THE USSR. MOLGAT FOUND CHOU'S RETICENCE ON THIS SUBJECT PUZZLING AND OFFERED AS POSSIBLE EXPLANATION THOUGHT THAT CHOU MAY HAVE FELT HE CAME ON TOO STRONG DURING POMPIDOU VISIT.

3. INDO-CHINA. AGAIN, CHOU DID NOT TAKE INITIATIVE IN RAISING INDO-CHINA QUESTION, BUT DEMURRED WHEN TRUDEAU CHARACTERIZED PRG HOLDINGS IN SOUTH AS "LEOPARD SPOTS". CHOU ARGUED THAT PRG ACTUALLY HOLDS VAST TRACTS OF TERRITORY. STRIKING WHAT MOLGAT FELT WAS AN OMINOUS NOTE, CHOU TOLD TRUDEAU THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE DRV WAS LIKELY TO TAKE LARGE SCALE OFFENSIVE ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THEN WENT ON TO SAY HE HOPED HIS ASSESSMENT WAS CORRECT. ON CAMBODIA, CHOU DISMISSED SOVIET OCTOBER 9 APPROACH TO SIHANOUK AS TYPICALLY DEVIOUS MOSCOW PLOY. BEYOND THAT HE CONFINED HIS REMARKS TO WONDERING WHY SUCH A SMALL COUNTRY COULD NOT BE LEFT IN PEACE, NOTING THAT NEITHER U.S. NOR USSR HAS VITAL INTERESTS IN CAMBODIA. ON LAOS, CHOU SOUNDED OPTIMISTIC NOTE ON ICC, NOTING THAT IF SOUVANNA PHOUMA WANTED CANADIANS TO PARTICIPATE "IT WOULD NOT BE DISADVANTAGEOUS FOR CANADA TO DO SO."

4. SOUTH ASIA. CHOU AGAIN LAID BLAME FOR DISMEMBERMENT OF PAKISTAN ON SOVIETS. INDIANS WERE TREATED LIGHTLY AND BANGLADESH NOT CRITICIZED AT ALL. HE INTRODUCED LINE ON BALUCHISTAN WHICH IS NEW TO US, NAMELY THAT SOVIETS INTEND TO UNITE BALUCHI AREAS IN PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN WITH PREDOMINANTLY BALUCHI AREA IN SOVIET UNION TO FORM INDEPENDENT STATE UNDER SOVIET INFLUENCE, GIVING RUSSIANS ACCESS TO ARABIAN SEA.

5. U.S. - U.S. WAS TREATED MILDLY THROUGHOUT, AND AT ONE
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POINT CHOU EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT U.S. PRACTICED
HEGEMONISM ONLY IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET PRESSURE.

6. MOLGAT CAUTIONED AGAINST EXPENDING TOO MUCH ANALYTICAL ENERGY OVER PRIME MINISTER'S BANQUET SPEECHES. THESE WERE WRITTEN IN TRUDEAU'S OFFICE AND NOT CLEARED BY EXTAFF. AT THE POINT IN HIS PEKING SPEECH THAT TRUDEAU REFERRED TO THE "GENIUS" OF CHAIRMAN MAO AND PREMIER CHOU

(A DIRTY WORD IN THE CURRENT PRC POLITICAL CONTEXT
ASSOCIATED WITH LIN PIAO'S EXPLOITATION OF THE CULT OF
MAO), MFA AMERICAN/OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR LIN P'ING
TURNED TO MOLGAT AND SAID "THAT SPEECH WAS NOT WRITTEN IN
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WAS IT?" MOLGAT TOLD HIM NO AND THE
SUBJECT DROPPED.
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